

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (previously presented) or (new).

Please AMEND claim 3 in accordance with the following:

1. (previously presented) A contents processing method comprising:
 - storing contents in advance;
 - extracting the stored contents;
 - encrypting the extracted contents, based on an identifier having been given uniquely to a medium;
 - recording the encrypted contents on the medium;
 - accepting a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents;
 - recording the accepted limiting condition on the medium; and
 - reproducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium while decrypting the contents based on the identifier under the recorded limiting condition.

2. (previously presented) A contents processing system comprising:
 - a recording device for recording contents on a medium; and
 - an execution device for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium,

wherein the recording device includes a processor capable of performing the following operations:

 - storing contents in advance in conjunction with first specifying information for specifying the contents;
 - accepting first specifying information;
 - extracting the stored contents, based on the accepted first specifying information;
 - reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;
 - encrypting the extracted contents, based on the read identifier;
 - recording the encrypted contents on the medium;
 - accepting a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents; and
 - recording the accepted limiting condition on the medium,

wherein the execution device includes a processor capable of performing the following

operations:

- reading the identifier of the medium;
- decrypting the contents recorded on the medium in an encrypted form, based on the read identifier; and
- reproducing, displaying or executing the decrypted contents under the limiting condition recorded on the medium.

3. (currently amended) The contents processing system of claim 2, further comprising a central device connected to the recording device and the execution device via a communication network, wherein

the processor of the execution device is further capable of performing the following operations:

- accepting first specifying information;
- accepting second specifying information for specifying a recording device in which the contents are to be recorded; and
- transmitting the accepted first specifying information, second specifying information and the identifier having been given uniquely to the medium to the central device, wherein
 - the central device includes a processor capable of performing the following operations:
 - extracting contents from a content database storing contents, based on the transmitted first specifying information; and
 - transmitting the extracted contents and the transmitted identifier to a recording device corresponding to the transmitted second specifying information, and
 - the processor of the recording device is further capable of performing the following operations:
 - storing the transmitted contents in the content file in conjunction with the identifier; and
 - extracting the contents from the content file based on the identifier of the medium.

4. (original) The contents processing system of claim 3,
wherein the contents are web pages, and the first specifying information is a search keyword for searching for web pages, and
the processor of the central device extracts a web page corresponding to the transmitted search keyword and web pages linked to the web page from the content database, based on the search keyword, for extraction of the contents.

5. (original) The contents processing system of claim 4,

wherein the processor of the central device is further capable of performing an operation of accepting a limit number of times for limiting the number of times of linking between the web page corresponding to the search keyword and web pages linked to the web page, and

the processor of the central device extracts the web page corresponding to the transmitted search keyword and web pages linked to the web page within the accepted limit number of times from the content database, based on the search keyword, for extraction of the contents.

6. (original) The contents processing system of claim 5,
wherein the processor of the execution device is further capable of performing an operation of transmitting a URL of a web page which is not stored on the medium to the central device when the web page is to be displayed on a browser.

7. (previously presented) A recording device for recording contents on a medium, comprising a processor capable of performing the following operations:

storing the contents in advance in conjunction with first specifying information for specifying the contents;

accepting first specifying information;

accepting fees for recording the contents on the medium;

extracting the stored contents, based on the accepted first specifying information;

reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

encrypting the extracted contents, based on the read identifier; and

recording the encrypted contents on the medium.

8. (previously presented) A recording device for recording contents on a medium, comprising a processor capable of performing the following operations:

storing contents in advance in conjunction with first specifying information for specifying the contents;

accepting first specifying information;

extracting the stored contents, based on the accepted first specifying information;

reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

encrypting the extracted contents, based on the read identifier;

recording the encrypted contents on the medium;

accepting a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents; and

recording the accepted limiting condition on the medium.

9. (original) The recording device of claim 8, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations:

storing transmitted contents and the identifier from the outside in a content file in conjunction with each other; and

extracting the contents from the content file, based on the identifier of the medium.

10. (previously presented) An execution device for reproducing, displaying or executing contents recorded on a medium, comprising:

a processor capable of performing the following operations:

reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

decrypting contents, which have been encrypted based on the identifier and recorded, based on the read identifier; and

reproducing, displaying or executing the decrypted contents under a limiting condition for reducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium.

11. (original) The execution device of claim 10, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations:

accepting first specifying information for specifying the contents;

accepting second specifying information for specifying other computer in which the contents are to be recorded; and

transmitting the accepted first specifying information and second specifying information and the read identifier of the medium to the outside.

12. (previously presented) A central device for transmitting contents to another computer connected via a communication network, comprising a processor capable of performing the following operations:

accepting first specifying information for specifying contents, second specifying information for specifying another computer in which the contents are to be recorded and an identifier having been given uniquely to each medium, transmitted from the outside;

extracting contents from a content database storing contents, based on the accepted first specifying information; and

transmitting the extracted contents and the identifier to another computer associated with the second specifying information.

13. (original) The central device of claim 12,
wherein the contents are web pages and the first specifying information is a search keyword for searching for web pages, and
the processor extracts a web page corresponding to the transmitted search keyword and web pages linked to the web page from the content database, based on the search keyword, when the contents are to be extracted by the processor.

14. (original) The central device of claim 13,
wherein the processor is further capable of performing an operation of accepting a limit number of times for limiting the number of times of linking between the web page corresponding to the search keyword and web pages linked to the web page, and
the processor extracts the web page corresponding to the transmitted search keyword and web pages linked to the web page within the accepted limit number of times from the content database, based on the search keyword, when the contents are to be extracted by the processor.

15. (previously presented) A contents processing system comprising:
a recording device for recording contents on a medium; and
an execution device for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium,
wherein the recording device includes:
means for storing the contents in advance in conjunction with first specifying information for specifying the contents;
means for accepting first specifying information;
means for extracting the stored contents, based on the accepted first specifying information;
means for reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;
means for encrypting the extracted contents, based on the read identifier;
means for recording the encrypted contents on the medium;
means for accepting a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents; and
means for recording the accepted limiting condition on the medium,
wherein the execution device includes:
means for reading the identifier of the medium;

means for decrypting contents recorded on the medium in an encrypted form, based on the read identifier; and

means for reproducing, displaying or executing the decrypted contents under the limiting condition recorded on the medium.

16. (previously presented) A recording device for recording contents on a medium, comprising:

means for storing the contents in advance in conjunction with first specifying information for specifying the contents;

means for accepting first specifying information;

means for accepting fees for recording the contents on the medium;

means for extracting the stored contents, based on the accepted first specifying information;

means for reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

means for encrypting the extracted contents, based on the read identifier; and

means for recording the encrypted contents on the medium.

17. (previously presented) An execution device for reproducing, displaying or executing contents recorded on a medium, comprising:

means for reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

means for decrypting contents, which have been encrypted based on the identifier and recorded, based on the read identifier; and

means for reproducing, displaying or executing the decrypted contents under a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium.

18. (previously presented) A computer memory product readable by a computer and storing a computer program for recording contents on a medium, the computer program comprising:

storing the contents in advance in conjunction with first specifying information for specifying the contents;

accepting first specifying information;

extracting the stored contents, based on the accepted first specifying information;

reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

encrypting the extracted contents, based on the read identifier;

recording the encrypted contents on the medium;

accepting a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents; and recording the accepted limiting condition on the medium.

19. (previously presented) A computer memory product readable by a computer and storing a computer program for reproducing, displaying or executing contents recorded on a medium, the computer program comprising:

reading an identifier having been given uniquely to the medium;

decrypting contents, which have been encrypted based on the identifier and recorded, based on the read identifier; and

reproducing, displaying or executing the decrypted contents under a limiting condition for reproducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium.

20. (previously presented) A computer memory product readable by a computer and storing a computer program for transmitting contents to another computer connected via a communication network, the computer program comprising:

accepting first specifying information for specifying contents, second specifying information for specifying another computer in which the contents are to be recorded, and an identifier having been given uniquely to each medium, transmitted from the outside;

extracting contents from a content database storing contents, based on the accepted first specifying information; and

transmitting the extracted contents and the identifier to another computer corresponding to the second specifying information.

21. (previously presented) A contents processing system, comprising:

a recording device including a processor capable of storing contents in advance, extracting the stored contents and encrypting the extracted contents, based on an identifier having been given uniquely to a user medium; and

an execution device including a processor capable of decrypting the contents recorded on the user medium and reproducing, displaying or executing the contents recorded on the medium, based on the read identifier having been given uniquely to the medium.